

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELD OCTOBER 1, 1975

Minutes Approved	<p>The Tippecanoe County Drainage Board met in the County Council Room in the Tippecanoe County Council Room in the County Court House at 9:15 a.m., with the following members present: Bruce Osborn, Robert Fields, William Vanderveen, Robert L. Martin, Fred Hoffman and Gladys Ridder.</p> <p>Upon the reading of the minutes of the August 6th and 20th, 1975 meetings, Bruce Osborn made the motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Robert Fields and made unanimous by William Vanderveen.</p>
Meeting date Changed	<p>The November meeting date falls on the day after election and the Council Room will be occupied. Also many of the farm people will be harvesting, so the Board felt it wise to change the date for the next meeting until December 10, 1975.</p>
Nellie Ball Ditch Petition	<p>The petition of the people in the Nellie Ball Legal Ditch watershed area was read and discussed. They had asked to be considered for reconstruction so the Board referred it to the Surveyor to prepare for a new reconstruction hearing.</p>
9:30 a.m. Maintenance for Ray Skinner Ditch	<p>Robert Fields opened the hearing on the Ray Skinner ditch by asking the Surveyor for his report and recommendations. The Surveyor read two letters received by the Board in connection with this ditch. One was from Mildred Ellison asking for assistance on her portion of the ditch and the other was from John B. Willig stating he was against a maintenance fund for he felt he received no benefit from the ditch.</p> <p>Charles Kennedy was the only person in attendance. He expressed his complete approval of a maintenance fund and the \$1.00 per acre assessment as recommended by the Surveyor. Bruce Osborn made a motion to establish a \$1.00 per acre assessment on the Ray Skinner ditch. Robert Fields seconded the motion and William Vanderveen made it unanimous.</p>
Ilgenfritz Ditch	<p>Mr. Lewis Beeler, Mrs. James Phillips and Mrs. Thelma Clearwater appeared before the Board to ask for help in repairing the Ilgenfritz Legal Ditch. Even though a maintenance fund had been established on this ditch earlier, the Surveyor wanted the approval of the Board on this project especially since there had been so much controversy in that area. Mr. Beeler assured the Board that the repairs needed would definitely not shed a greater amount of water on those below in the Dismal Creek area but only protect their tile.</p>

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Upon motion of William Vanderveen, seconded by Robert Fields and made unanimous by Bruce Osborn, the Board instructed the Surveyor to make the necessary repairs.

Robert Fields opened the hearing on the maintenance fund for the John Blickenstaff ditch by asking the Surveyor to make his recommendations and to read his report. Mr. Martin complied and explained the need to call a new hearing. The amount of \$0.10 per acre assessment as is now collected for the John Blickenstaff ditch is inadequate and with present expenses being as much as they are he felt \$1.00 per acre was necessary. Those in attendance were: Charles Kennedy, Theodore Dieterle, Keith J. Barger, Byron Skinner, Edith Sheese and Rachel C. Skinner.

Keith Barger questioned whether the 1400 feet of tile ditch was a part of the Legal drain. He said he would like to see a legal description of the ditch to know just what their money would maintain. Byron Skinner and Edith Sheese had questioned their acreage assessed to this watershed. With the records so confusing the Board asked the Surveyor to go out, determine just what did drain into the ditch so that once and for all the legal description could be established. Mr. Barger said that cement thrown into the roadside ditch at the bridge at 900S and 500E, east of the Theodore Dieterle farm caused much harm to the performance of this ditch. Mr. Osborn said he would have the Highway department look into this situation.

Many felt \$0.50 per acre would be enough but when faced with the amount of \$1,751.06 now due on this ditch thought the \$1.00 per acre assessment seemed more realistic. The SCS office had rebuilt a headwall plus repairs to the tile portion on Charles Kennedy and Marvin Hesler farms causing the indebtedness.

Upon motion of Robert Fields, seconded by William Vanderveen and made unanimous by Bruce Osborn the \$1.00 per acre assessment was established.

Order & Findings Upon the establishing of maintenance funds on the Ray Skinner and the John Blickenstaff ditches, and the Board signed the order and findings and the certificate of assessments.

Certificate of Assessments

William Vanderveen motioned to adjourn. Robert Fields seconded and Bruce Osborn made it unanimous.

ATTEST:

Gladys Ridder
Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary

Robert H. Fields
Robert Fields, Chairman

William Vanderveen
William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman

Bruce Osborn
Bruce Osborn, Board Member